

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Those present were: Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Mike Niederquell, Wade Trim; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Augustyniak, to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2008 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Engelhardt gave an update on a House Bill (HB 4928) introduced that would require Transit operations be 20% funded by fare box revenue. The bill has been referred to the transportation committee.

BCATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan & TIP Amendment Approval:

Engelhardt informed the committee that the BCATS TIP and MTP amendments from the April Policy Meeting were approved by FHWA.

Approve BCATS FY 2009 Unified Work Program:

Engelhardt explained the process for creation of the UWP. Projects in the UWP for FY 2009 include: Update of SE data for the MTP, Non-Motorized Plan, and development of the 2010-13 TIP. The required PL funds estimated to fund the FY 2009 program were \$7,000 more than originally available from MDOT, but Engelhardt noted that BCATS has carry over funds from previous years that should be useable to cover the \$7,000.

A motion was made by Richardson and supported by Gaydos to approve the FY 2009 Unified Work Program. Motion passed.

Endorse Bay/Arenac Road National Function Classification Revision:

Lillo discussed the reclassification request of Bay Arenac Drive to an Urban Collector road. Lillo needs a letter of support from the BCATS Policy Committee. The Bay Arenac Drive is less than one mile and no other roads will have to be reclassified to add Bay Arenac Dr to the Federal Aid Eligible network.

A motion was made by Augustyniak, seconded by Richardson, to endorse the reclassification of Bay Arenac Drive to an Urban Collector. Motion Passed.

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Asset Management Update:

Westbury gave an update on the PASER data collection for Bay County. It included half of the federal aid system this year, covering the east half of Bay City, and the southern townships in the county. The remainder will be collected next year.

Bay County Road Commission Category F Application Letter of Support:

The Bay County Road Commission requested a letter of support from BCATS for the Wilder Road Improvement Project. Engelhardt has already sent of the letter of support. The project would be from Euclid to Truman Parkway.

University Trail Letter of Support

As an informational item, Engelhardt discussed the University Trail Project and indicated that a request for a letter of support for this project would be forthcoming.

Hampton Township Trail Dedication:

The Nature Trails Dedication at the Hampton Township Park will take place on Friday, June 20, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Finn Road Campground and Boat Launch in Hampton Township, Michigan.

Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting Schedule:

Engelhardt provided members with a handout with all the Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting dates.

Bay County Recreation Plan:

Engelhardt discussed the Bay County Recreation Plan and explained that it should be done soon and will include information on the existing trail system.

Project Updates:

The ***Independence Bridge Project*** is complete. The ***North Henry Street Project*** is moving. MDOT is planning on ***reconstruction of Salzburg Ave from Euclid Ave to the Lafayette Bridge*** in 2012. The ***Center Ave Project*** is ready to bid for 2009 reconstruction. The ***Truman Parkway Project*** which will consist of joint repairs will begin in August. The ***Pine Street Project*** is going well, with no calls to date. The ***Seven Mile Road Project*** was awarded to Shaw Contracting and will start in mid July. The ***Safe Routes To School Project*** has some issues with road right of way along Two Mile Rd.

Other/New Business:

Safety Grants

No word has yet been received regarding the safety grant applications for the "S" curve on Marquette Ave in Bay City and the Two Mile and Wilder Rd intersection.

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Railroads Through Essexville

Majerczyk stated that he had been contacted by the railroad to have the rail crossing in Essexville improved and to make 'Y' interchange on the rail line near Woodside Ave to have a direct route to the east toward the Karn Weadock Facility. This would reduce the time of the train running through the city from 45 minutes to 15 minutes. Essexville would have to apply for a grant for 50% of the funding and the railroad company would cover the remainder.

Bridge Cameras

Gaydos informed the committee that MDOT is planning to install cameras on the 4 bridges in Bay City for their ITS project some time this summer.

Rural Minor Collectors

Richardson reported that Rural Minor Collectors are once again eligible for federal funding.

As there was no further business, the June 18, 2008 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

Transcribed by D. Westbury

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